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Pope Francis Names Three New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago on September 11

Congratulations to Bishops-elect Kevin M. Birmingham, Jeffrey S. Grob and Robert J. Lombardo, CFR. The episcopal ordination of the bishops-elect will take place on the feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, November 13, 2020.

“We are grateful to the Holy Father for the gift of these new auxiliary bishops,” said Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago. “Each of these fine priests has made a unique contribution to the life of the church and society, yet they share in common a solid record of pastoral service, fidelity to the Gospel and inspiring personal witness.”

For the time being, Bishop-elect Birmingham will remain in his current position as director of the Archdiocese’s Department of Parish Vitality and Mission. Bishop-elect Grob will serve as the episcopal vicar of Vicariate I and Bishop-elect Bob Lombardo will stay at Mission OLA, remain the director of the Mission, continue as the superior of the Franciscans of the Eucharist, and serve as episcopal vicar of Vicariate III.

Visit www.archchicago.org for the latest updates from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Sisters of the Living Word Partners in Mission Award

The Partners in Mission Award was given to Sister Joan McGlinchey, MSC this year. This award is given to those who exemplify the values of the Sisters of the Living Word and are committed to its mission. This was held this year as a virtual event due to COVID-19.

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Note: Information about housing, employment and events pertinent to religious should be sent by the 23rd of each month to kmcnulty@archchicago.org for consideration for Update and/or OFR website publication.

Final Call to Register for October's Orientation to Formation Session: Walking the Unfolding Path: Accompanying Those Discerning the Call to Religious Life

October 9-11; 12 via Zoom | Facilitators: Maco Casseta, CND & Paul English, CSB

Register by Wed., October 7 to ensure participation. <<Click for more information and registration>>

The changing and hope-filled realities of religious life today raise challenging questions regarding the present and future life of the global Church. These questions are especially relevant to formators who are engaged in the sacred ministry of accompanying new members. The critical questions most often raised by formation directors focus on how to be with new members as they discern their call to vowed religious life. Orientation to Formation is specifically designed for formators, mentors and persons in elected leadership who attend to new members as they make their sacred journey. On October 12 an additional day or standalone day workshop will be held virtually for congregation and province leaders with formation liaison/oversight responsibilities.

Contact: Kathy Kandefer, BVM | 773.675.8362 | kkandefer@relforcon.org

RESOURCES, EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese continues to offer online Mass.

Visit: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

National Religious Vocation Conference: For downloadable and video resources, workshops, and research to promote vocations to religious life including VISION Vocation Network, HORIZON Journal and the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations. For more information visit nrvc.net.

Religious Formation Conference (RFC): For women & men; program offerings include *ForMission*; *Life Commitment Program*; *Orientation to Formation*. For more information visit relforcon.org.



Save the date!

RFC Congress | November 4-7, 2021

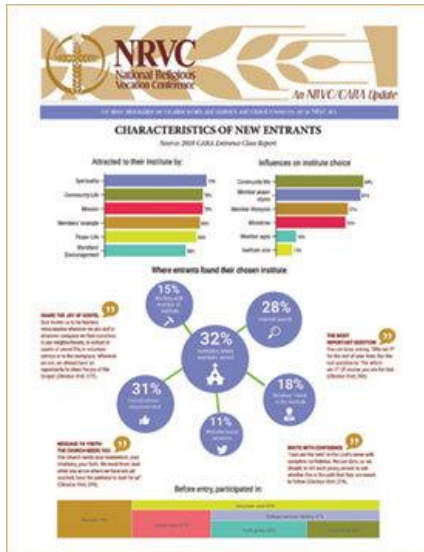
Click here for more information

National Vocation Awareness Week – November 1 to 7, 2020

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.





NVAW resources from NRVC

Infographic on the Characteristics of Recent Entrants to Religious Life

New NRVC videos to share on your social media platforms:

NVAW VIDEO 1

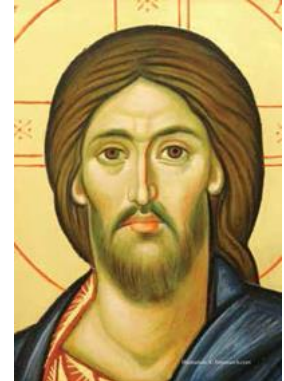
NVAW VIDEO 2

NVAW VIDEO 3

VISION resources:

NRVC's VocationNetwork.org offers many **vocation-related resources**, including, articles, videos, prayers, and quizzes on vocation discernment and religious life.

Prayer Card for Vocations - View or download the **pdf version** to print out and share with family and friends.



Applications for Sacred Presence Program Now Open!

Mayslake Ministries in Downers Grove, Illinois is now accepting applications for the Sacred Presence Class which is a 10-month intensive program for the formation of Spiritual Directors. For more information visit the website at mayslakeministries.org to download a brochure and application. Send completed applications to Dr. Mary Amore at mamaore@mayslakeministries.org.

Seminars in Ignatian Formation/SIF

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and Spiritual Direction Certificate Training Program thru SIF. Seminars in Ignatian Formation (SIF) applications are now being taken for SIF: Seminar 1 and SIF: Seminar 2, September, 2020 – May, 2021. Application link: Jesuitsmidwest.org/SIF-Info.

For information and schedules, contact Father Steve Krupa, SJ; Rita Dollard O'Malley; Mr. Jordan Skarr at umiseminars@jesuits.org.

Spiritual Guidance Training Program

A new group begins in January 2021. This program is available to women and men who sense a call to spiritual guidance ministry and who wish to explore that call, engage in personal spiritual growth, and enhance the knowledge and skills needed. The program meets eight times per year over two years. For more information, **click here** or contact the on-site coordinator, Rita Lui, OP, at (262) 221-7605 or rlui@racinedominicans.org.

Season of Creation

During the anniversary year of Laudato Sí, the Season of Creation starts with the World Day of Prayer for Creation (Click to visit the website world-day-prayer-care-creation) on September 1 and ends on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. For more information, visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>



Monthly Homicide Vigil

All are welcome to join Chicago Catholic Sisters for monthly homicide vigils to unite together, name those lost to violence, and pray for the end to violence in our city. The vigils are held on the last Saturday of each month at the site of a homicide. The purpose of the homicide prayer vigil is to serve as a public witness to the sacredness of life when it has been lost through homicides. Follow “Chicago Homicide Vigils” on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChicagoHomicideVigils/

SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) Covid Rapid Response Grant

Religious communities in need due to the Covid-19 pandemic may want to investigate the possibility of a grant through Soar. According to Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, the President of SOAR, these grants will focus specifically on congregations with an immediate need that a rapid response grant is likely to address or mitigate; and communities with an average age of 70 or older. Send the contact information of the religious congregation to Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM, 3025 4th Street NE, Suite 14, Washington, DC 20017
Tel. 202.529.7633 | email info@soar-usa.org

Vocation Ministry and Promotion of Consecrated Life

Over 40 years ago, the Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) was established in the Archdiocese of Chicago to support vocation directors, discerners, and to promote a culture of vocations. Mindful of current realities in the world, our Church, and congregations, we invite you to consider joining CAVA in its ministry to help seekers recognize and respond to God’s call in their lives, and to bear witness consecrated life.

Watch our **Why CAVA? Video**

Email Lpammit@archchicago.org - let’s talk!

Check out the latest studies on recent vocations at:

<https://nrvc.net/509/publication/9180-2020-study-on-recent-vocations-to-religious-life>



EMPLOYMENT – POSITIONS OPEN

Siena Retreat Center is seeking a Spiritual Guidance Coordinator

Click here for a full job description.

Siena Retreat Center is accepting applications for the position of Spiritual Guidance Coordinator to oversee the Center’s ministry/practice of spiritual guidance.

A significant part of this position is the collaborative leadership of Siena Retreat Center’s two-year Spiritual Guidance Training Program and its annual Institute for Spiritual Guidance.

Other responsibilities include:

- offering spiritual guidance and supervision;
- coordinating the program offerings related to spiritual guidance and grief support; and
- facilitating retreats, days of reflection, and other programs throughout the year.

This role requires significant experience as a trained spiritual guide and as a leader in spiritual guidance education/formation. Additional qualifications include:

- a master’s degree in spirituality or related field;
- completion of a spiritual guidance training program and supervision training; significant experience in a retreat center, spirituality center, or similar setting;
- skill in leading programs and facilitating retreats;
- commitment to personal and professional self-reflection, learning, and growth;
- a demonstrated appreciation for all aspects of social diversity and evolutionary cosmology;
- and the management of ethical issues as they relate to the position.

The position of Spiritual Guidance Coordinator is a full-time, year-round, salaried position with a broad and generous benefits package. The Center seeks to fill the position in December of 2020.

Digital and Print Communications Manager

The Society of Helpers is seeking to fill a full time position that is shared between the Province and its two sponsored ministries: Casa Esperanza and the Circle. The qualified person will focus efforts to utilize social media, our websites and creative videos to enhance our public image and encourage audiences to connect with us through formal relationship or support of our ministries. This position takes responsibility for gathering pertinent and interesting information on the mission and activities of the Society of Helpers, Casa Esperanza and the Circle to engage and inform our audiences internal and external by strategically planning and utilizing different communications mediums – primarily electronic. For more information please contact Sr. Jean Kiely at 773.405.9884 or email at jeankiely@yahoo.com.

RETREATS and OTHER OFFERINGS

Siena Retreat Center is Open

Are you missing Siena Retreat Center? We opened on August 1 with special coronavirus protocols in place. It is wonderful to feel the peaceful presence of those private retreatants who have been here. To book your own private retreat, contact arrangements@racinedominicans.org or call (262) 898-2580 to speak to Nikki. Register for 2020/2021 Programs at sienaretreatcenter.org

Mayslake Ministries Fall Program (Tuesdays)

Visit: <https://www.mayslakeministries.org/>

October 6: Meditative Practices facilitated by Bob Frazee

October 13: Lectio Divina facilitated by Bob Frazee

October 20: Ignatian Imaginative Prayer facilitated by Joanne McElroy

October 27: Integrating Meditative Practices in a Modern World facilitated by Fr. Larry Dreffein, OFM

Offerings from the Portiuncula Center for Prayer:

An Afternoon with James Martin at the PORT via Zoom (Participation in person or by Zoom)

Date: Sunday, October 18 **Time:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Fee:** \$25

<https://www.portforprayer.org/events/an-afternoon-with-father-james-martin/>

Opportunity for interactive discussion with Fr. James Martin, S.J. on our current challenging times and how the tenets of Jesuit tradition can help each of us as we struggle to survive and eventually thrive in the midst of continuing uncertainty. Discernment and Ignatian Contemplation mixed with more than a touch of humor promise an afternoon of hope and enlightenment at a time when we all truly need encouragement and the power of shared faith. He will speak for the first portion of the afternoon followed by a Q & A session. His intelligence, eloquence, humor, and passion in defense of the marginalized make him a much sought-after speaker. Music, prayer, and light refreshments. Books available for sale. In-person at the Motherhouse auditorium and by Zoom video conference. More info at [an-afternoon-with-father-james-martin/](https://www.portforprayer.org/events/an-afternoon-with-father-james-martin/)

Offerings from The Well

Whiteness, Anti-Racism and Repair, Thursdays, October 8, 15 and 22, 7-9 PM (Central Time)

Toward an Integral Ecology: Reweaving a New Worldview, Tuesday, October 13, 7-8:30 PM (CDT)

Protect & Heal Earth: Reduce/Eliminate Plastics, Mondays, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 16, 7 – 8:15 PM (CT)

Growing Your Knowing – Advanced, Thursdays, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 17

Inter-Racial Relationship Circle, Tuesdays Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 6:30 – 8 PM (Central)

LIST OF VENUES

With the current situation regarding the Coronavirus, please contact the agencies listed below regarding the status of various workshops, retreat, assemblies, etc., which may have been previously listed/promoted in this monthly newsletter.

SRC: Siena Retreat Center 5637 Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53402 | sienaretreatcenter.org

PORT: Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 West St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423 815.464.3880
info@portforprayer.org | portforprayer.org

CTU: Catholic Theological Union, 5401 South Cornell Ave., Chicago 60615 ctu.edu 773.371.5400

CEN: The Cenacle, 513 W. Fullerton, Chicago 773.528.6300
cenaclesisters.org/chicago/Retreats_Programs

NSC: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 North Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510 630.879.1296 sscm-usa.org

Mayslake Ministries: mayslakeministries.org/

MHC: Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3100 S. Aberdeen Avenue 773.927.7424

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 West Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526 708.482.5048 csjthewell.org

PROPERTIES/HOUSING AVAILABLE



House for Rent - available October 1
Call for details - phone: 847-412-1617 or 847-412-1621 | 5045 South Ellis Avenue

This classic, traditional house in the historic Kenwood neighborhood welcomes you with an inviting front porch. The three-story, 13 room house has eight bedrooms, 5 ½ bathrooms and a sitting room and elegant vintage features. A sunny screened porch over looks a tranquil backyard. The wonderful outdoor space is a restful haven in the midst of the city.

Oak Park--Apartment for Rent: 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. A 1200 square foot apartment with in unit full washer and dryer. Rent is \$1600/month for an extended lease. Contact Patricia Knabe at 708.204.6650 or ob2knabe@gmail.com.

House for Rent: St Mary of the Lake Parish, 4216 N. Sheridan Rd. Chicago.

Delightful 4 bedroom / 2 bathroom home situated on 2 floors + finished basement | parking available | close to CTA bus stops and Red Line transit (Irving Park). Contact Pastor Manuel Dorantes 773 280 7700

Oak Park—St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy Parish Apartment for Rent. 28 N. Austin Boulevard. Newly renovated apartment includes 2 bedrooms with living room, dining room, kitchen, mud room and parking. \$1,400 per month includes utilities: gas, electricity and water. Religious Preferred. Conveniently located to PACE and CTA Bus stops. One block to Blue Line and Green Line trains. ALSO< Rectory Suite: 2 suites for priests or brothers only. Rent is \$850 per month including utilities, heated garage and stair lift. Contact: Fr. George Omwando at 708.386.8077.

Brookfield—Apartment for Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 baths; first floor. Near 47th and 1st Avenue. Carpeting in one bedroom; hardwood floors in rest of apartment. 3 religious sisters live in the building and 3 others live in the building next door. Building and property are well maintained. Owner is on the premises. Rent is \$1,400/per month. Call S. Mary Tomlinson at 773.456.7886.

Bridgeport—Apartment for Rent: One bedroom on the second floor/front. Non-smoking building; no animals. Central heat and air conditioning at 2950 Keeley Street. Contact Alice Mesec at 630.243.7390 or 630.301.0034 (cell).

Jefferson Park—House for Sale (Possible rental): 5240 N. Ludlam Avenue, 60630. 3 bed/1 bath; oak floors and maple kitchen with a great layout. 2.5 car garage with a yard and 6-foot fence on all sides. House has light streaming in from the east which creates a peculiar ambience. Basement has a space which was another apartment in past years. The house does need some cosmetic work, mainly floor which need sanding and an exterior paint job. Some work is also needed on the 3rd bedroom and basement apartment. Some new windows will be needed for next winter. The current occupant has lived in this residence for 25 years and the home is dedicated to Our Lady. As is: \$230,000. Contact Julie at jmccreevy099@gmail.com.

Irving Park/Kilbourn Park—Home for Rent: 3 bed, 2 bath bungalow. Hardwood floors and full basement with 2 car garage. Freshly painted and maintained. Seeking a long term rental, as previous tenants were there for ten years. 4150 W. Melrose Avenue. Call or text Nick at 630.776.3909. Rent: \$2,100 per month.